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TO : AD/SO

20 June 1951

FROM : Chief, Communications Division

SUBJECT: Communications Personnel

1. This is in further reference to many previous memoranda relative to the critical personnel situation facing the Communications Division. I have emphatically pointed out on numerous occasions during the past year, particularly on 13 September and 6 December, 1950, that the Communications Division could not meet its obligations unless drastic steps were taken to provide the needed personnel. I advised the Communications Board in January of this year of this situation. However, personnel in sufficient quantity have not been forthcoming up to this time.

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2. I wish to advise you at this time that the Division cannot fulfill its commitments to provide communications support to the various activities of the Agency, especially to those [redacted] projects requiring immediate implementation. A review of the increase in net personnel strength of the Division during the past six months leads to no other conclusion but that the personnel gain has been insufficient to keep pace with the increasing demands. The gap is rapidly increasing daily.

3. The situation will be alleviated to only a small degree should the approximately 163 personnel now in process enter on duty within the next few weeks. The individuals will need a considerable period of training and cannot be considered immediately usable upon their entrance on duty.

4. As an emergency temporary measure, it is strongly recommended that positive steps be taken at this time on a priority basis to obtain enlisted

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